Latinx and Asian Immigrants in California: Perceptions of the Immigrant Experience

A new UCLA Center for Health Policy Research study examines the perceptions of Latinx and Asian immigrants’ experiences in the workplace, accessing health care, encountering law or immigration enforcement, and using public benefits in California.

Among Latinx and Asian immigrants in California...

- 2 out of 3 perceive that immigrants who use government benefits are prevented from getting legal status.
- 1 in 5 perceive that immigrants do not have equal access to health care.
- 7 in 10 perceive that immigrants are discriminated against at the workplace due to skin color or accent.

Latinx immigrants had worse perceptions of immigrant experience:

- More than 2x more likely: Latinx immigrants perceive unequal access to health care.
- More than 2x more likely: Latinx immigrants perceive it was risky to call police when needing help.
- More than 2x more likely: Latinx immigrants perceive that immigrants are stopped by immigration officials while traveling.

IMPLICATIONS:

- Findings highlight a possible disconnect between presence of more inclusive immigrant policies, implementation of those policies, and subsequent experiences of immigrants.
- Highlights the differences in perceptions of Latinx and Asian immigrants that is likely linked to different ways policies are implemented in each community.

One of a series of fact sheets that used data from the Research on Immigrant Health and State Policy Study (RIGHTS), a follow-on survey of the 2018 and 2019 California Health Interview Surveys (CHIS), which included 2,000 Latinx and Asian immigrant respondents. Read the fact sheet: https://ucla.in/3nOU2TD